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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-7,10-15,17-19 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4-7, 10-15, 17-19, 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


SAM RIMELL
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 10-15, 17-19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Csipkes et al. (U.S. Patent 6,188,402).

Claim 1: FIG. 1 discloses an apparatus (101) used in support of a procedure. The data which is illustrated in the screen displays of FIGS 4- 9 are stored in the memory of the assembly plant network computers connected to the computer (101) (col. 3, lines 8-13).

As seen in FIGS. 6(B) and FIG. 7, the memory includes performance support data. That data includes: (1) action data (“STEP 12” in FIG. 6B); (2) Resource Data (“Ensure excess wiring is clipped at ends after soldering” in FIG. 6B); (3) Reference data (“Terminal” button in FIG. 7 that allows user to connect to external computer system); (4) Procedure Data (“Make a 5 coil inductor 24 AWG black stripped and install at L19” in FIG. 6B); and (5) Assembly Data (image diagram on right side of display in FIG. 6B). Each of these items are readable as data objects. The owner of the object is individual displaying the object. The objects can be modified by changing pages in the graphical interface and viewing different objects.

The processor is the processor in computer (101) which can retrieve data from the memory of the assembly plant network computers (col. 3, lines 8-13) and assemble the data into the displays of FIGS. 4-9. The processor communicates with a both an intranet (plant network, col. 3, line 10) and the Internet (“global downloading” achieved via the Internet, col. 3, line 11).

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Computer networks inherently operate using programming languages, such as HTML on the Internet and intranets connected to the Internet.

The displays of FIGS. 4-9 are graphical user interfaces which are navigable by a web browser system (See browsing buttons “Next” and “Prev” in the upper portions of FIGS. 5A and 6A, for example). FIG. 7 illustrates an administrator interface. The administrator interface can create or remove the data shown in FIGS. 4-9 by allowing a user to login (create a display of data) or logoff (remove a display of data). The login and logoff is accomplished by the “New Operator” button (col. 7, lines 18-20).

Claim 2: The action data is an individual line of data. Any individual grouping of data is readable as a data object. The action data line describes one step in the procedure.

Claim 4: The reference data is the radio button “Terminal” in FIG. 7. A radio button is readable as a data object. The “Terminal” button allows the user terminal (101) to call up the address of another computer in the network in order to communicate with that computer (col. 7, lines 15-18).

Claim 5: The procedure data is an individual grouping of data in FIG. 6B. An individual grouping of data is readable as a data object. The procedure data provides a series of instructions (“make a 5 coil inductor” and “install at L19”).

Claim 6: The assembly data is the right portion of FIG. 6B. The assembly data includes two data objects (an image and a group of text adjacent the image). The assembly data visually represents the procedure.

Claim 7: The administrator interface is FIG. 7. It allows a user to create data objects by logging into the system and displaying those objects (using the “New Operator” button). It

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allows a user to terminate to those objects by logging off. The administrator interface of FIG. 7 is menu driven and includes a menu of choices.

Claim 10: FIGS 6B and 7 are graphical user interfaces (GUIs) that permit user interaction. A GUI is, by definition, a user interface.

Claim 11: See remarks for claim 1.

Claim 12: The administrator interface is shown in FIG. 7. It includes multiple functions activated by radio buttons.

Claim 13: See remarks for claim 10.

Claim 14: Any of the radio buttons in FIGS 6B and FIG. 7 activate user functions.

Claim 15: See remarks for claim 2.

Claim 17: See remarks for claim 4.

Claim 18: See remarks for claim 5.

Claim 19: See remarks for claim 6.

Claim 21: For the memory, processor and display, see remarks for claim 1. For the action data, resource data, reference data, procedure data and assembly data, see remarks for claims 2-6.

Remarks

Applicant's arguments and amendments have been considered.

Applicant's amendments are generally consistent with the language discussed with the examiner at the interview of February 8, 2006, but are not yet specific enough to overcome the Csipkes et al. reference. To overcome the Csipkes et al. reference, each of the claims should specify that: (1) ownership of every object is established by storing the identity of the owner in

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the memory associated with the object; and (2) modification of the object pertains to editing the actual object.

As currently claimed, the ownership of the object could merely refer to the object being displayed on a particular user interface, and modification could simply be referring to the step of changing pages to view new objects. Amending each of the independent claims with these clarifications should overcome the Csipkes et al. reference.

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